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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU GRANTS 700 MHz BAND LICENSES

Auction Event No. 73

Report No. AUC-73 (Auction No. 73)

On March 18, 2008, the Federal Communications Commission completed the auction of 1,099 licenses in the 698-806 MHz Band ("700 MHz Band") (Auction No. 73). After a preliminary review of the FCC long-form applications (FCC Form 601), the applications listed in Attachment A to this Public Notice were accepted for filing. Upon further review, we find that the applications listed in Attachment A are complete and conform to the Commission's rules. Furthermore, the Commission has received full payment, as required by Section 1.2109(a) of its rules, for the licenses listed in Attachment A.

Accordingly, by this Public Notice, we announce the grant of the licenses listed in Attachment A.⁶ We grant these licenses pursuant to Section 309(a) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 309(a), and section 0.331 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 0.331, because it will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity.⁷

¹ Auction of 700 MHz Band Licenses Closes; Winning Bidders Announced for Auction 73, *Public Notice*, 23 FCC Rcd 4572 (WTB 2008).

² See Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Announces that Applications for 700 MHz Band Licenses are Accepted for Filing, *Public Notice*, 23 FCC Rcd 6722 (WTB 2008).

³ With respect to the applications of Union Telephone Company and Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless ("Verizon Wireless"), we note that the Commission released an Order on November 13, 2008, finding that the public interest would be served if these applications are granted, subject to certain conditions. Union Telephone Company, Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, Applications for 700 MHz Band Licenses, Auction No. 73, *Memorandum Opinion and Order*, FCC 08-257 (rel. Nov. 13, 2008) (*Auction 73 Order*). *See also* note 7 *infra*.

⁴ 47 C.F.R. § 1.2109(a).

⁵ Attachment A1 contains the same information as Attachment A, sorted by market and channel block rather than by applicant name.

⁶ We remind the licensees listed in Attachment A of the quarterly reporting requirements relating to DTV consumer education outreach under section 27.20 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 27.20. *See* Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Reminds 700 MHz Band Licensees of Quarterly Reporting Requirements Relating to DTV Consumer Education Outreach, MB Docket No. 07-148, *Public Notice*, DA 08-1521 (rel. June 26, 2008).

⁷ We note that grant of the applications of Verizon Wireless is subject to the conditions adopted by the Commission in the *Auction 73 Order*: (1) Verizon Wireless' effectuation of a voluntary divestiture of 10 megahertz in CMA551 New Jersey 2-Ocean; and (2) placement of a statement on Verizon Wireless' C-Block licenses that "This

This Public Notice includes the following Attachments:

Attachment A: Applications and Licenses the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Is Granting – Sorted by Licensee.

Attachment A1: Applications and Licenses the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Is Granting – Sorted by Market and Channel Block.

Attachment B: Instructions for Searching for the Applications Listed in Attachment A Using ULS.

Attachment C: Instructions for Searching for Granted Licenses Listed in Attachment A Using ULS.

Attachment D: Instructions for Accessing the FCC Network Using Windows 95/98/2000/XP.

Please contact Erin McGrath, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Mobility Division, at (202) 418-2042, for questions regarding legal matters and licensing issues.

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